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SUBJECT: LOAN OF VON HUMBOLDT PORTRAIT TO NATIONAL GALLERY

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1. DURING MEETING WITH BETTIN OF MFA CULTURAL SECTION ON MARCH 11 ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECT, HE REFERED TO THE ABORTED LOAN OF THE VON HUMBOLDT PORTRAIT TO THE NATIONAL GALLERY. HE READ FROM A LETTER FROM CARTER BROWN TO AMBASSADOR SIEBER OF FEBRUARY 3, 1976, WHICH IS PARAGRAPH FOUR NOTES THAT A "STATE WARRANTY IS NOT PROVIDED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME." ACCORDING TO BETTIN, IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, LOAN OF THE PORTRAIT TO THE NATIONAL GALLERY HAD TO BE DENIED ON "SECURITY GROUNDS."

2. THIS VERSION DIFFERS FROM THE ACCOUNT GIVEN BY HOWARD ADAMS OF THE NATIONAL GALLERY IN A LETTER OF FEBRUARY 6, 1976, TO THE AMBASSADOR, WHICH STATES THAT THE REQUEST FOR THE LOAN WAS WITHDRAWN BY THE NATIONAL GALLERY DUE TO THE "ONEROUS CONDITIONS" CONTAINED IN THE GDR LOAN AGREEMENT.

3. WHATEVER THE FACTS MAY BE, THE EMBASSY REGRETS THAT THE LOAN DID NOT MATERIALIZE AFTER THE SUBSTANTIAL TIME AND ENERGY SPENT ON THE PART OF THE EMBASSY IN EXPEDITING THE LOAN. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE GDR UNDERTOOK TO REFURBISH THE PAINTING AT ITS OWN EXPENSE IN ORDER TO READY IT FOR THE U.S. SHOWINGS. COOPER

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